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      ELECTRICAL ENERGY (AMENDED)

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during examination of the instant application.

Applicant submits herewith a copy of the Written Opinion and the International Search Report (in German and English) mailed on August 24, 2006 and conducted in International Application No. PCT/EP2005/050260 of which the instant application is the U.S. National stage. The following documents were cited in the International search report:

(1) E.D. LARSON, T.G. KREUTZ, S. CONSONNI, "Combined Biomass and Black Liquid Gasifier/Gas Turbine Cogeneration at Pulp and Paper Mills," Translation of the

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ASME, July 1999;

(2) EP 1 136 542 A;

(3) DE 35 05 429 A1;

(4) US Published Application 2004/022716 A1; and

(5) DE 197 34 259 A1.

The following documents were cited in the Annex to the search report as U.S. family members:

(6) US Published Application 2003/185749 A1 was listed as a U.S. family member of published application U.S. 2004/022716A1; and

(7) US Published Application 2002/197205 A1 was listed as a U.S. family member of published application U.S. 2004/022716A1.

Furthermore, the following documents were cited in the search report issued on October 21, 2004, in the German priority application No. 10 2004 006 516.0:

(8) DE 198 57 870 A1;

(9) DE 197 09 383 A1;

(10) DE 196 43 109 A1;

(11) DE 102 16 338 A1;

(12) DE 101 17 323 A1;

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(14) DE 40 35 927 A1;

(15) DE 36 09 702 A1;

- DE 197 34 259 A1;

- DE 3505 429 A1;

- U.S. Published Application 2004/0022716A1;

(16) EP 1 007 472 B1;

(17) WO 99/55803; and

(18) WO 96/07210 A1.

Copies of the above-listed documents (1)-(3), (5), and (8)-(18), along with the International Search Report and the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority and the German Search Report (in English) for the priority document are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 form listing these documents. Copies of U.S. Patent Publications (documents (4), (6), and (7)) which are readily available to the Examiner are not enclosed. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this matter, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

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